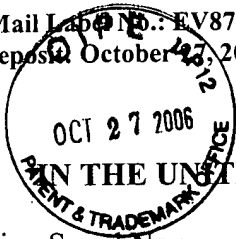
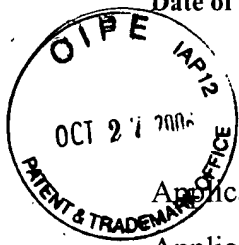


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination of this application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.